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January

- 1-New Year's Day and 489th day of war... 2-Germans mass air attacks on Cardiff and other British centres... 3-Roosevelt says U.S. guiding 200 Atlantic merchant vessels...

- 30-(Sunday)-U.S. assumes protective custody of Axis ships in U.S. harbors... 31-R.A.F. attacks Nazi ports with new type bomb... Total of 4,269 civilians killed and 5,537 injured in Britain in March air raids.

April

- 1-(57th day of war)-Asmara, Eritrean capital, surrenders to British... 2-Two German ships scuttled off coast of Peru when intercepted by Canadian armed ship Prince Henry... 3-British retire from Bengali, Libya...

- 10-British in Greece meet German invaders, U.S. to establish naval and air bases in Greenland... 11-(Good Friday)-R.A.F. strafes Nazis in Greece... 12-British Major-General A. C. De Wint captured...

- 26-Finland joins Nazis against Russia... 27-British adopt letter "W" for victory... 28-Seventy-eight British rescued from German prison-ship...

- 29-(Sunday)-In New York 29 arrested on espionage charges... 30-U.S. Navy ordered "to clear Atlantic of the German menace..."

- 1-(Dominion Day and 670th day of war)-Germans capture Bizra... 2-General Sir Archibald Wavell goes from Middle East to be Commander-in-Chief of India...

- 1-Axis troops penetrate Tobruk defence... 2-Beverbrook appointed Minister of State with wide powers in production... 3-Two British destroyers and four transports lost in withdrawal from Greece...

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- 23-(Sunday)-Announced seven Italian supply ships sunk by British... 24-Germans repulse attacks in Albania... 25-R.A.F. attacks Nazi Channel ports... 26-Romania signs armistice...

- 27-Britain and Turkey reach agreement... 28-British West African forces shatter Italians in Somalia...

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- 11-(Sunday)-King George of Greece escapes to Crete... 12-Germans cut British line in Crete... 13-German battleship Bismarck sunk by British... 14-Roosevelt proclaims national emergency in U.S... 15-British in Crete retire to new lines... 16-Canada and U.S. to co-operate in white-selling... 17-British evacuate miles from Baghdad, Iraq... 18-British evacuate Crete...

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- 26-(Sunday)-British and Free French enter Syria... 27-R.A.F. starts 500 cadets training in Libya... 28-Churchill in Commons says Crete battle was "well worth fighting..." 29-German planes over England drop propaganda leaflets... 30-New German demands on Russia... 31-Germans smash on Russian frontier...

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- 9-(Sunday)-Germany attacks Russia on 2,000-mile front, Arctic to Black Sea... 10-U.S. condemns Nazi thrust... 11-Axis in Syria near Beirut... 12-British Tobruk troops make sortie...

- 13-(Sunday)-Wendell Willkie appoints Roosevelt's lend-lease bill... 14-Frederick Smita promises South Africa will help clear Ethiopia of enemy... 15-Bulgaria denies co-operation with Germany... 16-Nazis bomb west coast of Scotland... 17-Announced 30 lost when H.M.S. Southampton sank by her own crew after dive-bomber attack... 18-Churchill says weapons, ships and planes needed but no large armies in 1941... 19-British sink 30-year-olds... 20-(Sunday)-R.A.F. attacks Italy's base in Atlantic East... 21-Announced 15,817 dead and 32,296 injured in air raids on Britain since June 19, 1940... 22-U.S. lifts "moral embargo" on export of airplanes and equipment... 23-British capture Tobruk, take 29,000 prisoners and 50 tanks... 24-Romanian rebellion quelled with 2,000 dead and 4,000 hurt... 25-British sue Axis Italian supply ship... 26-King George V leaves Annapolis, Md... 27-Bucharest's week of revolution ends... 28-Victor V. Kuznetsov confers with Winston Churchill in London... 29-U.S. date in war \$539,624 tons of merchant shipping lost at sea... 30-Frederick Metaxas of Greece dies... 31-Germans shell Kent across English Channel-34 miles...

- 1-British and Indian forces capture Agordat in Italian Eritrea... 2-(Sunday)-Prime Minister King announces great army to go overseas this year... 3-Beaverbrook army training period approved at Ottawa... 4-British occupy Crete, Libya... 5-Wendell Willkie in radio talks German people German-American hate aggression and Nazi just for power... 6-British capture Bengali, Libya... 7-R.A.F. mass attacks on German-held Channel ports... 8-Lose-land bill passes U.S. House 200-165... 9-(Sunday)-Churchill says if the U.S. will "give the tools" Britain can finish the job... 10-Britain breaks with Rumania... 11-British warships sink 4,000 tons of Axis supplies in the Atlantic... 12-19-year-olds called up in Britain... 13-Situation grave in Pacific says Acton, Prime Minister-Fadden of Australia... 14-Churchill visits Canadian Corps in England... 15-R.A.F. smashes military objectives in Southern Italy... 16-(Sunday)-Germans advance in Albania... 17-Philippines and Turkey sign non-aggression pact... 18-Summary shows 1,502 civilians killed and 2,012 injured in January air raids in Britain... 19-Swanes, Wales, heavily night-bombed... 20-South Africans capture Moga, Ethiopia... 21-Frederick Banting and two others killed in bomber crash in Newfoundland... 22-Nazis bomb N.E. Scotland towns... 23-(Sunday)-Announced seven Italian supply ships sunk by British... 24-Germans repulse attacks in Albania... 25-R.A.F. attacks Nazi Channel ports... 26-Romania signs armistice... 27-Britain and Turkey reach agreement... 28-British West African forces shatter Italians in Somalia... 29-(Sunday)-Churchill says if the U.S. will "give the tools" Britain can finish the job... 30-Britain breaks with Rumania... 31-British warships sink 4,000 tons of Axis supplies in the Atlantic...

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"Periscope to Starboard!"



Expansion of Canada's Navy was a year-through event of the war in 1941. Here is a flotilla of the new corvettes, sturdy little ships that guard convoys and protect the nation's coasts, east and west. The corvettes have proved their worth in operations against enemy submarines. Several Canadian shipyards are engaged in their construction.

Aside From War- Recalling Some Notable Events of 1941 Apart From Action in the Battle Zones

WAR girdling the globe was the Big News of 1941 but the year brought events that in other times would have stood out among the best stories of the 12 months in Canadian newspapers. For instance:

Seventy-four persons perished in winter's end blizzards that swept middle-west states and prairie provinces March 15-16. . . 27 miners died in coal mine explosions at Nordegg, Alta. . . Oct. 21, . . . airline crashes at Armstrong, Ont., Feb. 6, and near St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 20, took 32 lives. . . 11 were drowned when a truck broke through the St. Lawrence River ice, near Montreal, Feb. 24. . . Nine were killed and several injured, Dec. 16, in a collision between a freight and a snow train at Mont Joli, Que.

Salient Dates

Provincial elections took place in Manitoba, April 22, when Premier John Bracken's coalition government was returned; in British Columbia, Oct. 21, where the voting was indecisive resulting in a new coalition government with Hon. John Hart as premier; and in Nova Scotia, Oct. 28, with the Liberal government of A. S. MacMillan elected for another term. . . Senator Arthur Meighen, former prime minister, accepted the leadership of the Federal Conservative party, Nov. 12. . . Justice Minister Lapointe died Nov. 26 and was succeeded by L. S. St. Laurent of Quebec, Dec. 11. . . J. T. Thorson, Winnipeg, named National War Services Minister, Jan. 11; Humphrey Mitchell, Labor Minister, and N. A. McLarty, Secretary of State, Dec. 15.

The Dominion-Provincial Relations meeting at Ottawa, Jan. 14-15, to discuss the Rowell-Sirois report, broke down when Premiers Pattullo of British Columbia, Aberhart of Alberta and Hepburn of Ontario withdrew. . . Both principal authors of the report died during the year-Joseph Sirois, Quebec, Jan. 17, and N. W. Rowell, Toronto, Nov. 22. . .

Troubles developed on the wartime labor front. "Slowdowns" in the coal-mines of Glace Bay, N.S., struck in suspension of ringleaders in July. . . A five-day strike at the aluminum plants at Arvida, Que., involving the calling of troops, ended July 29. . . 4,000 workers were directly affected by an industries strike at St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 11. . . Gold miners of several mines in the Kirkland Lake, Ont., district struck Nov. 18. . .

The St. Lawrence Waterway pact between Canada and the United States was signed March 19. . . Prime Minister Mackenzie King and President Roosevelt met at Hyde Park, N.Y., April 20, for momentous discussions. . . The U.S.-Canada Rainbow Bridge across the Niagara River was opened Nov. 2. . .

In diplomatic and commercial missions Canada stepped far afield in 1941. . . Leighton McCarthy, Toronto, was appointed minister to Washington, Feb. 25, and C. J. Burchell, Halifax, high commissioner to Newfoundland, and Jean Desy to Brazil, July 23. . . J. D. Kearney, Montreal, was made high commissioner to Eire, July 31, and Maj-Gen. Victor Odlum, Vancouver, was announced high commissioner to Australia, Nov. 6. . . Former Chief Justice W. F. A. Turgeon was appointed Canada's first minister to the Argentine, Sept. 24. . . Trade Minister MacKinnon returned to Canada after a mission to South America, Oct. 28. . .

At Edmonton, July 26, the courts found 36 Canadian tobacco manufacturers guilty of operating a combine. . . Four Eskimos convicted of manslaughter, Aug. 21, at Belcher Islands murder trials. . .

Twenty-eight German prisoners escaped from a Northern Ontario camp April 19; two killed, 26 recaptured.

Alfonso XIII, former King of Spain, died at Rome, Feb. 28; Wilhelm III, German Kaiser in the First Great War, died at Doorn, Holland, June 4; the deposed King Carol of Rumania arrived a refugee in Havana, May 19. . . Two brothers of King George were welcomed in Canada this year, the Duke of Kent in August and the Duke of Windsor in September.

- 23-Nazi battleship Scharnhorst is bombed... 24-Moscow bombed for fourth consecutive night... 25-Britain freezes Japanese assets... 26-Japan occupies naval and air-bases in French Indo-China... 27-(Sunday)-U.S. pledges all possible aid to Russia and China... 28-Finland breaks with Britain... 29-Japan and Vichy French sign protocol for common defence of French Indo-China... 30-Polish-Russian pact signed... 31-Egyptian Cabinet resigns... -CP-

August

- 1-British warships shell Italian ports... 2-Germans start drive into Ukraine... 3-(Sunday)-Axis raids Suez Canal zone... 4-Japan suspends U.S. ship services... 5-U.S. cruisers on training cruise off Brisbane, Australia... 6-Germans say 3,000,000 Russians dead and 895,000 captured in 48 days fighting... 7-Russians first bomb Berlin... 8-Canada to mobilize Sixth Division... 9-Germans advance to Uman, Ukraine... 10-(Sunday)-Plane crash at British airport, 22 officers killed, including eight Canadians... 11-Soviet cavalry used in Ukraine... 12-R.A.F. loses 26 bombers on Gen. fighters in mass attacks on eight many... 13-Russians announce Smolensk abandoned... 14-Announced program of war and peace aims reached by Churchill and Roosevelt in three-day meeting at Atlantic Arthur B. Purvis, British Supply Council, and 21 others killed in ferry command crash in Britain... 15-Joel Johnston, U.S. admiral, executed as spy in London... 16-Admiralty announces 4,000,000 tons of Axis shipping sunk in war to date... 17-(Sunday)-Russians quit Black Sea ports... 18-R.A.F. blasts troops and airdromes in Brittany... 19-Heavy fighting resumed in Ukraine... 20-Mackenzie King arrives in England on bomber... 21-Germans capture Novgorod, Russia... 22-British shipping losses to June 30 are 4,800,000 tons, including 2,500,000 tons... 23-Mackenzie King, addressing Canada's overseas troops, is greeted with mixed cheers and boo's... 24-(Sunday)-Japanese aggression has led to stop, says Churchill... 25-British and Russians invade Iran... 26-Australian Labor Premier Menzies' offer of national government... 27-Attempt at Versailles to assassinate Laval... 28-Russia blows up its \$110,000,000 Dniester River bridge... 29-Iranian government resigns as British-Russian troops occupy country without further resistance... 30-Hitler and Mussolini conclude five-day conference... 31-The King visits Mackenzie King... -CP-

September

- 1-(Labor Day)-Mackenzie King at Morris Wilson, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, succeeds the late Arthur Purvis as chairman of the British Supply Council in North America... 2-Mackenzie King in London invites U.S. to declare state stands by Britain... 3-Announced Axis ships, including cruiser and liner, in Mediterranean... 4-Royal Navy in Mediterranean... 5-Five French "hostages" executed in reprisal for shooting of German sergeant... 6-(Sunday)-R.A.F. makes heaviest attack of war on Berlin, Mackenzie King returns from England on bomber... 7-Canadian, British and Norwegian troops occupy and destroy Stizberg, Norway... 8-Russians counter-attack a Suez bridge... 9-Nazis declare official siege of Oslo, Norway, because of outbreaks... 10-Churchill announces British air aid to Russia... 11-Five German troops held in Norway... 12-Battle of Britain... 13-(Sunday)-Finland Germany's ally... 14-Nazis attacking Leningrad declared... 15-Swedish ship, carrying 500 tons of supplies, sunk... 16-Germans impose curfew on Paris... 17-Announced 12 British warships in U.S. ports for repairs; 12 others fixed and sailed... 18-Twelve hostages shot in Paris... 19-(Sunday)-Britain urges French to resist... 20-Russians quit Kiev in Ukraine... 21-Free French Council reorganized... 22-Bulgaria renounces war with Russia... 23-Russ counter-attacks at Leningrad... 24-Canada's Lt-Gen McNaughton says British invasion of Continent in article... 25-Russians abandon Odessa... 26-Lt-Gen. Hield told new military premier of Japan... 27-Fifty French hostages shot for killing of German officer at Nantes... 28-Additional 50 French hostages shot for killing of German official at Bordeaux... 29-Russians evacuate Kharkov... 30-U.S. destroyer Reuben James torpedoed and sunk; 99 lost... 31-Royal Navy sinks four Axis destroyers and 10 transports off Italy... -CP-

October

- 1-762nd day of war-More Czechs shot, making 100 executed for plots... 2-Russians repulse Nazis at Leningrad... 3-Labor Leader John Curtin becomes Prime Minister of Australia... 4-South Africans bomb Bardia... 5-(Sunday)-R.A.F. attacks Boulogne... 6-Germans start new drive in Russia... 7-British-German exchange of sick prisoners falls through... 8-Roosevelt promises Stalin U.S. supplies... 9-German sub surrenders to British trawler... 10-Germans execute 75th French regiment... 11-Women and children leave Moscow... 12-(Sunday)-Beaverbrook ppeas for speed and volume in tank production... 13-(Thinking)-Nazi Moscow drive slows down... 14-Russians abandon Azov Sea port... 15-R.A.F. raids Nazi Libyan airdromes... 16-Odessa abandoned by Russians... 17-U.S. destroyers Reuben James torpedoed... 18-Mackenzie King announces selling of all prices and basic wages... 19-(Sunday)-Labor clamors for opening of new British front to ease Russian defence... 20-Germans raid Liverpool... 21-R.A.F. raids Naples, Italy... 22-Fifty Frenchmen shot for assassination of Nazi officer at Nantes... -CP-

November

- 1-Mackenzie King and Roosevelt confer at Hyde Park, N.Y... 2-(Sunday)-Germans claim capture of Simferopol, Crimean capital... 3-Russians break through at Kalinin... 4-Selure of Vichy ships carrying contraband announced by Admiralty... 5-Prime Minister MacDonald says Nazi submarines operate near Newfoundland, German drive before Moscow halted... 6-Maj-Gen. Victor Odlum made Canadian High Commissioner to Australia... 7-R.A.F. loses 37 planes in biggest attack of war on Germany... 8-U.S. makes naval bases in Iceland... 9-(Sunday)-Four Axis destroyers and transports sunk off Italy... 10-Churchill warns Japan Britain to declare war if U.S. involved in Pacific... 11-Lt-Gen. McNaughton takes rest to recover illness, British sink four Axis supply ships... 12-Announced British shipping losses cut to 180,000 tons a month in a four-month period ending in October... 13-U.S. House approves Neutrality Act changes allowing arming of U.S. ships and entry into combat zones... 14-Aircraft carrier Ark Royal sinks off Gibraltar... 15-Japanese special envoy Kurusu arrives in Washington... 16-(Sunday)-Canadian troops relieve Hong Kong garrison... 17-Russians repulse Nazis at Tulia... 18-British start new drive in Libya... 19-Sir Alan Brooke replaces Sir John Dill as Chief of Imperial General Staff... 20-British meet strong resistance in Libya... 21-Canadian navy, army and air force chiefs promoted... 22-Russians give ground near Moscow... 23-(Sunday)-Lt-Gen. D. G. Cresser transferred to command 2nd Canadian Division... 24-Germans in Libya start offensive... 25-Announced Canadian corvettes sink German sub in North Atlantic... 26-U.S. army unit in Dutch Guiana... 27-Japanese-U.S. talks reach critical stage... 28-New Zealand force joins with Tobruk defenders at El Duda... 29-U.S. warns Japan to halt aggression in Orient... 30-Russian counter-offensive drives Germans from Rostov-on-Don... -CP-

December

- 1-Germans retreat from Taganrog, British corridor south of Tobruk... 2-Battleship Prince of Wales and other warships reach Singapore... 3-Roosevelt extends lease-land aid to Turkey... 4-Nazis reinforce army in Russia... 5-Britain declares war on Finland, Rumania and Hungary... 6-New Libyan drive started by British... 7-(Sunday)-Japan attacks Britain and United States, U.S. warships sink Japanese battleship... 8-British carrier HMS Hood, men killed... 9-Hong Kong captured from air and troop landings made in Northern Malaya... 10-Canada with Japan... 11-Britain, U.S. and several Latin-American nations declare war on Japan... 12-Japan attacks Philippines from air, Blackouts ordered on Pacific... 13-Italian and Japanese captives to Japanese... 14-Drive off for winter... 15-Japanese in Philippines, British start new counter-drive before Moscow... 16-Battleship Prince of Wales and battle-cruiser Repulse sunk off Malaya... 17-Japanese capture Manila... 18-Germans impose curfew on Paris... 19-Announced twenty-three lost in Canadian sinking of Japanese battleship... 20-U.S. airman sink Japanese battleship... 21-U.S. destroyer... 22-Russians say German army before Moscow routed... 23-British penetrate fifty miles west of Tobruk... 24-Air Minister Fowler says Canada proposes to introduce selective arming of U.S. German retreat extends to full length of Eastern Front... 25-(Sunday)-U.S. airman and Netherlands navy sink Japanese troopships... 26-Japanese in Hong Kong resist severe Japanese attacks... 27-Rearguard attacks in Libyan retreat... 28-Russians drive to exterminate Germans retreating on frost-bound fronts... 29-British make smashing attacks on German and Italian divisions west of Gazala, Libya... 30-Roosevelt appoints five-man commission to determine why U.S. forces were not on the island of Hawaii, Dec. 7... 31-Three U.S. commanders in Hawaii removed because Japanese caught them by surprise, Dec. 7... 19-Ottawa orders big reduction in use of tin. Two Italian cruisers, a destroyer and three troop transports sunk by British navy units off Tunisian coast... 20-Hitler fires Field Marshal Brauchitsch, commander in chief of the German army, and assumes personal control... 21-Prime Minister Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook and party arrive in Washington, Nazi battleships in Washington... 22-Churchill, commander in chief of the German army, and assumes personal control... 23-Beaverbrook and party arrive in Washington, Nazi battleships in Washington... 24-Churchill addresses joint session of U.S. Congress, Troubadour of Empire... 25-Prime Minister Churchill... 26-Prime Minister Churchill... 27-Prime Minister Churchill... 28-Prime Minister Churchill... 29-Prime Minister Churchill... 30-Prime Minister Churchill... 31-Prime Minister Churchill... -CP-